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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants provide herein amendments to the specification and the claims in order to correct inadvertent editorial and typographic errors in the application as filed. The amendments are supported at least at claims 1 and 25, the Summary of the Invention generally, and Example 11, and more generally in the application as a whole. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. On page 5, 4th paragraph, line 2, please delete "of step a) of claim 25" and add in place thereof "including one or more species of native, biologically active protein molecules". This is shown in the following marked up version of paragraph 4:

i) separating the hydrogel phase from the first supernatant and using the first supernatant as the fluid of step a) of claim 25 including one or more species of native, biologically active protein molecules, or